

## MATRONS AND MAIDS.

## FAIR WOMAN'S DOINGS AND IDEAS.

How a Woman of Small Means and Luxurious Tastes May Keep Within Her Income and Abreast with the Times—The Kind of a Man to Marry.

## The Permanently Thoughtful Man.

His thing I write unto you love-bewildered girls: you can trust your happiness, other things being equal, to a tender man, writes Elizabeth Stuart Phelps Ward in the Ladies' Home Journal. By this I do not mean a man who makes a good lover. All men make good love while they are about it. The expressions of courtship go for little. A girl who gives herself to a man proved before marriage to be rough or cold, deserves the fate that will surely overtake her. How many kisses does he give? These are the questions. Are his vows ardent? Are his letters affectionate? These matter less than it would be possible to make you believe. But what kind of a son is he to an aged or a lonely father? Is he patient with an unattractive, an ailing, even a nagging mother? Do you know how he treats his sister?

It is hard to the woman of small means and luxurious tastes to keep within her income and abreast with the times, but a little sound sense in the way of finding out short cuts to economy will work wonders. The woman who has learned to make a good appearance upon next to nothing becomes an object of envy to her less fortunate sisters. It is largely a question of investigation, of watching sales, of shopping properly, of making \$1 buy \$1 worth of goods. And only that severe teacher—experience—will teach all this. A woman can be dignified even if she is poor, nor should she feel that because poverty has hung its somber cloak about her she should draw its folds still closer, and hide herself from the pure sunshine of the world, or the kinly friendship of her friends. Too many women are inclined, when poor, to withdraw into a shell, snail fashion, and become crabbed and poverty spoiled. Poverty is not the greatest of crimes, as many suppose. There are lots of things worse than that, and wealth is not the alpha and omega of happiness. The woman of fine nature will accept this fact gracefully, and by her example help many a disheartened woman to look on the bright side of life, to look her finances squarely in the face, and to avoid laying out her money in unnecessary expenditure. By a bit of forethought a small sum of money can work wonders, as the active, fine-natured woman, who has learned it all, well knows.—Cincinnati Inquirer.

## Woman and Poverty.

The tin wedding comes with the tenth anniversary, writes Mrs. Van Koert Schuyler in the Ladies' Home Journal. If a dinner be given the table may be made beautiful with pink roses and syringa placed in a bright new tin dish in the center. Four dishes, holding the pink and white bobbons, cakes, etc., may be set in the midst of tin rings (used for baking cakes in circular shape), the edges of the plates resting on those of the tins. These rings filled with roses and syringa will make pretty wreaths around each prominent dish. If a more elaborate decoration be desired any tinsmith can make a flower-holder in the form of the initial of the groom's name and that of the bride's maiden name—one to be placed at each end of the table. The little round stands of twisted tin wire, made for the teapot, turned upside down and lined with pink laced papers, make dainty receptacles for salted almonds or small bonbons. If, as is now fashionable, small "individual" dishes are supplied for the almonds new heart-shaped "patty pans" will answer the purpose. Cards of heavy Bristol-board, very lightly covered with mucilage, may be entirely enveloped in tin foil, and so smoothly that the artifice will not be suspected.

## The Tin Wedding.

In choosing curtains it is well to remember that a bright yellow fabric will light up a north room as nothing else can. Curtains in a dull shade of light green are most suitable for a room furnished in rose color or yellow, as a green light will soften the bright tints and is always pleasant to the eye. Curtains for bookcases add much to the appearance of a room, and are an absolute necessity on a low bookcase containing volumes with unattractive bindings. Inexpensive curtains may be made of the heavy, repined cretonne which is now offered in such beautiful colorings. Blue denim, which is made softer than the old-fashioned blue jean, and is, therefore, more suitable for embroidering, is also an excellent material for this purpose, provided the other furnishings of the room will permit its use.

## Choosing Curtains.

Oatmeal Bags for the Bath. Oatmeal bags used in the bath give a velvety softness and whiteness to the skin. Take five pounds of oatmeal, ground fine, a half-pound of pure castile soap reduced to powder, and a pound of powdered Italian orris root. Cut a yard of thin cheese cloth into bags about four inches

square, sewing them on the machine and taking care not to leave any untied threads, where a break may let the contents ooze out. Mix the soap, oatmeal, and orris root thoroughly and fill the bags loosely. Sew up the opening in each and lay them away to use as required. They are used as a sponge, dipped in warm water, making a thick, velvety lather and wonderfully softening the skin, while the orris imparts a lasting fragrance.

## Practical Eye Wash.

A little salt water used as an eye wash will cleanse and strengthen inflamed lashes and rest tired eyes. It is safe to use it at any time that irritation is felt. A New York surgeon prescribes the ocean for bad eyes, particularly young eyes. "Get off," he says, "whenever you can and let the salt and the sea breeze wash and blow around your eyes it will do them good; it will dislodge the germs of disease, for the air breathed by half the world is germ-laden, and sore eyes are more quickly caught than small-pox and much more fatal; it will brighten and strengthen them and prolong their beauty and usefulness."

## To Make Shoe Dressing.

Here are two ways of making a dressing for shoes: Take two drachms of spermaceti oil, three ounces of good molasses and four ounces of finely powdered ivory black and stir them together thoroughly. Then stir in half a pint of good vinegar, and the dressing is ready for use. It gives a bright, clean surface and makes the shoes look almost like new. The second dressing is for rainy weather and it is said to make the shoes waterproof. Take an ounce of beeswax, an ounce of turpentine and a quarter of an ounce of Burgundy pitch. Put them into half a pint of cottonseed oil and melt together over a slow fire, being careful that the mixture does not take fire.

## Things to Know.

Hot alum water effectually destroys bed-bugs.

CLEAN piano keys with a soft rag dipped in alcohol.

COFFEE boiled longer than one minute is coffee spoiled.

POLISH jewelry, use a paste of powdered chalk and spirits of wine.

CARRY a lighted match with the flame from you to keep it from going out.

A LARGE, soft sponge, either dry or slightly dampened, makes a good duster.

FEED caged birds with not only seed, but also lettuce, sorrel, plantain, and celery top.

FLAT-IRONS will not yellow linen if they are first rubbed on a cloth saturated with kerosene.

BUTTER put into clean pots, and well surrounded with charcoal, will keep good for twelve months.

TOMATO soup may be made especially good by the addition of a few slices of orange just before serving.

ALL traces of mud can easily be removed from black cloths by rubbing the spots with a raw potato cut in half.

IN baking bread or rolls, put a saucpan of boiling water into the oven. The steam will keep the crust smooth and tender.

MIX stove blacking with spirits of turpentine (it will take of the rust, polish easier and stay glossy longer than when water is used).

TO CLEAN marble, boil four ounces of soft soap with four of powdered whitenox and one of soda. Apply hot and let it remain on the marble for a day or two.

TO DO UP shirt-bosoms take two ounces of fine white gum arabic powder, put it into a pitcher and pour on a pint of water, and then, having covered it, let it stand all night. In the morning pour it carefully from the pitcher into a clean bottle, cork it, and keep it for use. A tablespoonful of gum poured in a pint of starch made in the usual manner, will give to lawn, either white or printed, a look of newness, when nothing else can restore to them after they have been washed.

## Drunken Wags.

That drunkenness and its mischievous consequences are not peculiar to human beings will be seen from the observations of Mr. Lawson Tait, who writes in the Popular Science News that he has noticed the avidity with which wasps attack certain fruit when it is overripe, and he has also noticed some of the peculiar results of their doing so. The sugar in some fruits which are most frequented by wasps has a tendency to pass into a kind of alcohol in the ordinary process of rotting, a fact which is easily ascertained by the use of a still not large enough to attract the attention of the excise authorities.

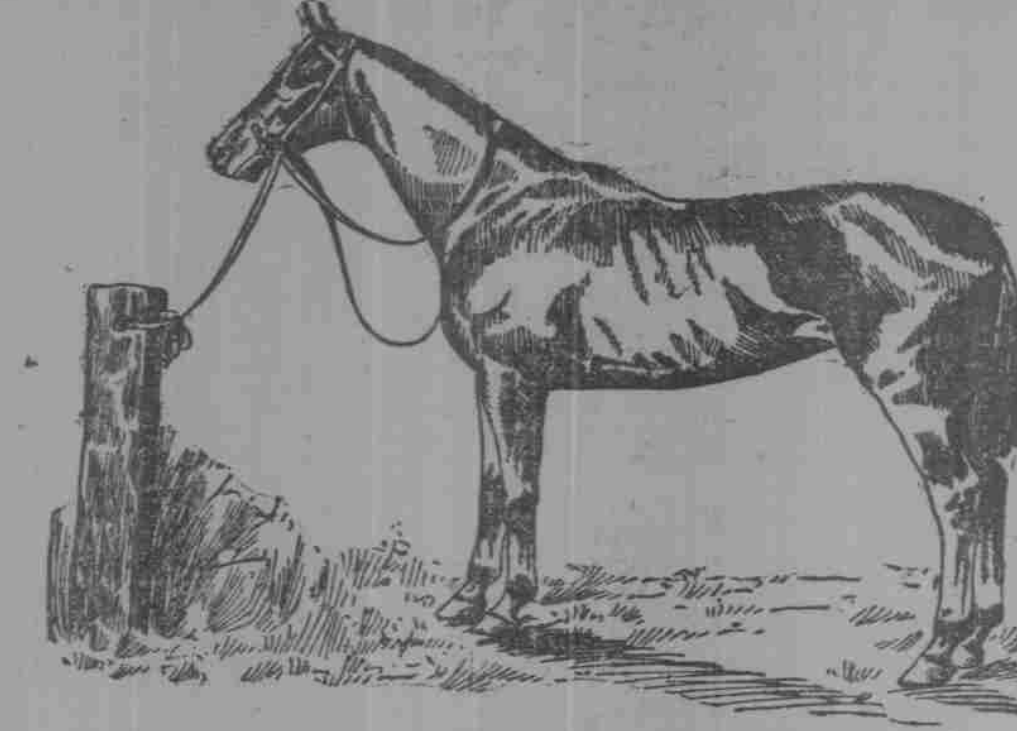
On such fruits, particularly grapes and certain plums, you will see wasps pushing and fighting in numbers much larger than can be accommodated, and you will see them get very drunk, crawl away in a semi-somnolent condition, and repose in the grass for some time, till they get over the "bout," and then they will go to it again.

It is while they are thus affected that they do their worst stinging, both in the violent nature of the stroke and the utterly unprovoked assaults of which they are guilty. I was stung last year by a drunken wasp, and suffered severely from symptoms of nerve poison for several days.

In their drunken peculiarities they resemble their human contemporaries.

A LAWYER seldom fails for want of a partner who knows how to charge.

The jurymen testify under oath to the power of a woman's tears.



LADAS, LORD ROSEBERY'S DERBY WINNER.

When Lord Rosebery was at Eton he vowed that he would marry a great heiress, become premier of Great Britain, and win the Derby. His wife was a Rothschild, and he is now premier. Above is a sketch of the horse with which Lord Rosebery has fulfilled the third part of his vow. Ladas won the Two Thousand Guineas at Newmarket May 9, the Newmarket stakes May 23, and the Epsom Derby on June 6.

## HE GOT A DRINK.

The Robin Was Wise Enough to Know Just How.

That was a charming object lesson which was noticed in the yard at the "Hickories," up Windsor avenue, in Hartford, and it was an instructive lesson in helping oneself as well. Midway between the house and barn is located a large cask as a drinking place for the horses.

Usually, of course, this tub is nearly full, but at the time referred to the water lacked quite a little of reaching the top. Along came a robin, spinning over the ground like mad, only stopping for a moment, as is his wont, to listen. Reaching the tub he quickly vaulted to the edge. A look of disappointment was visible when he arched his pretty neck so that one eye could look down at the water. It was too far away and the bird trotted around quite ill at ease. The faucet was leaking just a trifle—only a drop at a time—drop, drop, drop—and the robin's eye finally caught the crystals and the little fellow almost shouted for joy as he danced around to that side of the tub.

Placing himself directly underneath the outlet, he threw back his head, opened his beak, and thereafter each drop landed in his parched throat. More than a dozen drops disappeared down the narrow channel; then the robin bowed his head just a little, so the cooling drops landed on the top of it and trickled down on either side. Then it flew away to a neighboring tree, as content and happy as if at peace with all the world.

## THE GOLD FEVER.

A Remembrance of the Days When It First Struck California.

"I was a resident of San Francisco in 1848 when the gold fever struck that part of the country," said Matthew L. Farrell, one of the pioneers of California, "and it seemed as though all the people went wild with excitement. As soon as it became known that gold had been discovered, men hastened to sell their real estate and merchandise that they might obtain means to journey to the gold diggings. Row boats worth \$50 were sold for \$500 to those wishing to sail up the bay into the Sacramento river. The price of shovels and picks jumped from \$1 to \$10. Stores were rummaged for bottles, vials and brass tubes to hold the gold when found.

"In less than two months San Francisco was as if swept by a pestilence; three-fourths of the male population had gone to the mines. Real estate dropped fully one-half in value, and the same happened to all merchandise not used in the mines. Labor rose tenfold in price. Negro waiters received \$10 a day and cooks \$15, but even such wages as these could not induce the eager gold-seekers to remain in the city. Nearly everyone went to try his luck. Some made their fortunes, but many came back a good deal poorer than when they started."

## And the Fellow Climbed Down.

A young man dwelling on the borderland of aristocracy, where, as George Eliot says, annexation becomes a burning question, was entertaining a group on a hotel piazza. With great freedom he swung into the conversation by their familiar abbreviations the names that decorate the society columns. At length a woman, gazing pensively out at sea from the depths of a Shaker rocker, turned to the young man and, bending over the arm, said: "My dear sir, you have buried a man who was alive on Friday. Such haste is not seemly. You have divorced a woman now happily wedded. This is premature. But when you marry my husband to another woman, I must reproach you. My dear sir, you should respect the law, if not the gospel."

## UNION PACIFIC ROUTE

For the Grand Army and Navy National Encampment, Pittsburg, Pa., Sept. 10, 11 and 12. The Union Pacific offers the very low rate \$21.50 for the round trip. Special Coaches and Sleepers will leave Topeka via the Union Pacific, Saturday, September 8th, 2:47 p. m., arriving at Pittsburg Monday morning, 7:30 a. m. Tickets on sale September 7 and 8, good returning up to and including Sept. 28, 1894.

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